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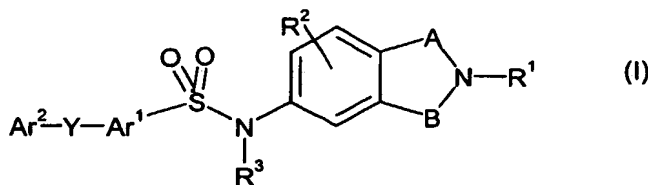
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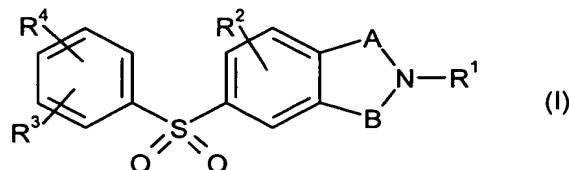
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides compounds of formula (I) wherein A and B represent the groups $-(CH_2)_m-$ and $-(CH_2)_n-$ respectively; R^1 represents C_{1-6} alkyl; R^2 represents hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, $-(CH_2)_pC_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_pOC_{3-6}cy-$

cloalkyl, $-COC_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-SO_2C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-SOC_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-SC_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-CO_2C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-CO_2NR^4R^5$, $-SO_2NR^4R^5$, $-(CH_2)_pNR^4R^5$, $-(CH_2)_pNR^4COR^5$, an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted heteroaryl group or an optionally substituted heterocyclyl group; R^3 represents hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl; Ar^1 represents an optionally substituted heteroaryl group; Ar^2 represents an optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted heteroaryl group; Y represents a bond, $-O-$, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl-, $-CR^6R^7X-$, $-XCR^6R^7-$, $-NR^8CO-$ or $-CONR^8-$; X represents oxygen, sulfur, $-SO-$ or $-SO_2-$; R^4 and R^5 each independently represent hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl or, together with the nitrogen or other atoms to which they are attached, form an azacycloalkyl ring or an oxo-substituted azacycloalkyl ring; R^6 and R^7 each independently represent hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or fluoro; R^8 represents hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl; m and n independently represent an integer selected from 1 and 2; p independently represents an integer selected from 0, 1, 2 and 3; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof. The compounds are useful in therapy, in particular as antipsychotic agents.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides compounds of formula (I):



wherein

A and B represent the groups $-(CH_2)_m-$ and $-(CH_2)_n-$ respectively;

R^1 represents hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^2 represents hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} fluoroalkoxy, $-(CH_2)_pC_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_pOC_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, $-COC_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-SO_2C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-SOC_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-SC_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-CO_2C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-CO_2NR^5R^6$, $-SO_2NR^5R^6$, $-(CH_2)_pNR^5R^6$, $-(CH_2)_pNR^5COR^6$, optionally substituted aryl ring, optionally substituted heteroaryl ring or optionally substituted heterocyclyl ring;

R^3 represents hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} fluoroalkoxy, $-(CH_2)_pC_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_pOC_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, $-COC_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-SO_2C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-SOC_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-SC_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-CO_2C_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-CO_2NR^7R^8$, $-SO_2NR^7R^8$, $-(CH_2)_pNR^7R^8$ or $-(CH_2)_pNR^7COR^8$;

R^4 represents hydrogen, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} fluoroalkoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, halogen, $-OSO_2CF_3$, $-(CH_2)_pC_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_qOC_{1-6}$ alkyl or $-(CH_2)_pOC_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl;

R^5 and R^6 each independently represent hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or, together with the nitrogen or other atoms to which they are attached, form an azacycloalkyl ring or an oxo-substituted azacycloalkyl ring;

R^7 and R^8 each independently represent hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

m and n independently represent an integer selected from 1 and 2;

p independently represents an integer selected from 0, 1, 2 and 3;

q independently represents an integer selected from 1, 2 and 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof,

with the proviso that the compounds 8-hydroxy-3-methyl-7-phenylsulfonyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine, 8-hydroxy-7-4-(hydroxyphenyl)sulfonyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine, 7-phenylsulfonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and 7-phenylsulfonyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline hydrochloride are excluded.

The compounds are useful in therapy, in particular as antipsychotic agents